

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MOSES (PART TWO)

“When Moses was grown” – Exodus 2:11

AFTER MOSES’ DELIVERANCE FROM THE NILE

After Moses was rescued from the Nile by Pharaoh’s daughter, he became her son and his mother Jochebed was employed as his nurse (Exodus 2:9-10). We can’t be sure, but many believe this employment, and Jochebed’s daily conduct with her son, would have lasted from three to five years. It is not difficult to imagine her teaching her son about his lineage, his people, the prophecies concerning them and their faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The impact of that instruction and its impact on this young man can be seen in later events.

MOSES’ GROWS UP AS AN EGYPTIAN

After Moses was weaned, Pharaoh’s daughter nourished him as her son (Acts 7:21). That means he enjoyed the activities of a member of the Egyptian royal household and also the education. Apparently he was a good student and a physically strong man as Acts 7:22 says, *“Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.”* Enjoying this privileged existence was Moses’ life until he was forty years old (Acts 7:23). Something then happened to change everything.

WHEN MOSES WAS GROWN

Exodus 2:11-12 says of this life-changing couple of days in Moses’ life: *“It came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.”* He then went out the next day and tried to stop two Hebrews from fighting and discovered what he had done the day before was known (Exodus 2:13-14). Pharaoh’s desire to execute him drove Moses to flee his homeland (Exodus 2:15). Moses exile in Midian began (Exodus 2:15).

MOSES’ MOTIVATIONS

What do we know about what prompted this privileged member of the Egyptian royal family to abandon the palace life for something much less luxurious? The Bible reveals his thinking.

- He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter and chose to suffer affliction with God’s people rather than sin’s pleasures for a season – Hebrews 11:24-25
- He appraised the reproach of Christ of greater value than Egypt’s treasures – Hebrews 11:26
- He incited the wrath of the king and endured all the subsequent losses by, *“Seeing him who is invisible”* – Hebrews 11:27.

Your circumstances are much different than Moses, but the solution to any loss or trouble you are experiencing today is the same as listed here. See what you gain in Christ. And see Him who is invisible. And let that carry you through.